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Applicant: Olivier de Pous et al.) PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No.: Serial No. 09/775,949) VAL1599P0190US
Filed: February 2, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3727
For: ATTACHMENT DEVICE TO) Confirmation No. 1510
ATTACH A PUMP OR VALVE)
ONTO A RECIPIENT NECK)
Examiner: Lien M. Ngo)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Official Action Paper No. 9 dated August 28, 2002.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.

Enclosed is a Petition and a check for the fee for a one-month extension of time to respond.

IDENTIFICATION OF GENERIC CLAIM

Applicants request reconsideration of the Examiner's determination in Item 1 of the Official Action that claim 1 is not generic.

The embodiments illustrated in FIGS. 1-4 show a "unitary" attachment device ring 10 having a skirt 101 connected to a reception means 103 via a generally

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